

"FOXY GRANDPA"

DOES THE HANDSOME THING BY THE NEWLYWEDS

They Come to Ardmore and Fit Themselves out for House-keeping. Grandpa Gives them the Benefit of His Experience and Fools the Bills

"Miss Summers Polly. I—er—dare I—"

But the speaker took a header over bashfulness only to hear a sweet:

"Yes, Charley?"

"Can I aspire to—er to—that is—"

Again a lapse into silence, followed by an encouraging:

"Yes, Charley?"

"Oh, if I might only hope to—er to—"

Another failure of language. It was seemingly a hopeless case, and it might have been, only for a demure:

"Charley, I have said yes twice. If you mean it I mean it, too, and—"

And to this day that young man insists that he popped the question.

All this happened away down east. It wasn't long before there was a wedding; not much longer before there came a letter from Polly's Foxy Grandpa, old Grandpa Turner, long a resident of Carter county, who wrote effusively of his delight at her exhibition of what he called grit and proposed if the young couple would locate at Ardmore, the city that is coming right to the front, he would start them in life as a wedding gift.

Of course they accepted and were soon bidding their friends adieu. A few weeks subsequent to the above a travel-stained party arrived in Ardmore. Our friend Foxy Grandpa took charge and led them straightaway to the Plaza hotel, for the neatest and coolest rooms in Ardmore, and breakfast at Earl's Cafe.

"After breakfast," remarked Foxy Grandpa, "we will go out and buy your outfit, and as the basis of a home is a bit of mother earth we will lose no time in calling at Bridgman & Maddox's real estate office. They control city property that is very desirable and always have excellent bargains on hand. It is worth your while to know this firm, for if you want to buy, rent, sell or exchange property, they are the men to call on, as what they tell you can be set down as solid facts." The visit resulted in interesting Charles in some very desirable city property on which to build, and an engagement for a drive into the country to view some farm lands and gas and oil leases in which they offer some veritable bargains. They handle rentals locally or for non-residents, write insurance and will negotiate a farm loan for you on long time and at a low rate of interest.

"The next thing to look after," said Grandpa, "is the lumber necessary in building the new house on the lots you bought, so come with me to Frensey Bros. Lumber company, who are it in that line here. They carry the most complete line of builders' material in this section,—everything from the sills for the foundation to the best dimension cypress shingles for the roof, including lime, plaster, Dewey cement, sash, doors, door and window screens, screened porches, Vulcanite roofing, Can't Sag gates, Red Picket fencing, builders' hardware and the famous H. P. S. paints, oils and varnishes. They have a link of five yards, buy right and sell you everything at most reasonable figures.

"The necessary material being purchased," said Grandpa, "we must now look up reliable contractors to draw the plans and build the new house you contemplate, and J. H. Poulter & Sons, 328 G street, southwest, are the men to figure with. Honest workmanship and material are essential in building. You will find them using both, and employing first-class workmen who know the business. They do contracting in its different branches, including interior work, shelving, etc., and will give you a turn-key job. They are also in a position to build homes for young married folks, or anyone else, and let you pay for it like rent. In other words, they will loan the money to build the home at 5 per cent per annum interest, to be paid back in monthly payments. This is a great help in home building. You will be more than pleased with your new home when turned over to you from the hands of J. H. Poulter & Sons.

"While the house is in course of construction," continued Foxy Grandpa, "there will be tinning, roofing, guttering, cornice, bracket, skylight work etc., to be done and W. A. Pride is the man for the work. You will need a galvanized iron tank, cistern, well casing, tubing, etc., and he can supply you with the necessary article at the proper price, in fact give you anything in sheet metal. He supplies

the Twentieth Century Hot Air Heater which is a winner. He runs a general repair shop, repairs things right and don't charge a fortune for the work.

"No home is complete at this day and date," said Grandpa, "without a bathroom, and if I had my way I'd build the bathroom and shower first and the house around them. But you want to select a firm for this work who know their business, and you will make no mistake in letting Hoffmann & company, 26 North Washington street, do the work. They know the plumbing business thoroughly, are master plumbers, and when they install a bathroom with all appurtenances and strictly sanitary plumbing, you'll know you have a thorough job. They carry the Standard high-grade fixtures and waste pipe, gas fittings, gas stoves, burners, and install all kinds of heating, gas water heaters, range boilers, steam and hot water heating to your liking. They also install special disposal plants for churches, schools, villages, etc. Every thing in the repair line is done right and you will like the treatment and prices at Hoffmann & company.

"The next thing is the lighting of the home," said Grandpa. "And, as I am a firm believer in the economy and safety of electricity in preference to all of its so-called equals, we will call at the Squires Electric company and make arrangements for thoroughly wiring the house for this commodity. They know how to give you perfect wiring and employ men at this game who know their work. Get in the efficiency class, and 'do it electrically,'" said Grandpa. "You save time, labor, and money by doing so. Some people burn up two dollars' worth of gasoline riding around, then come home and use up valuable time over the old stove, kerosene lamp, etc. Why do this when you can get everything electric at Squires? The Hot Point and Universal goods are here. Percolators, sad irons, chafing dishes, toasters, Ever-Ready flash lights, fans, etc. All kinds of fixtures,—ceiling, wall and desk lamps, batteries for your auto, and the famous National Mazda lamps. So tell your electric troubles to C. G. Squires. He will do the rest, and you will be pleased.

"The home beautiful is the slogan nowadays," said Grandpa, "and beautiful lawns and walks are what you want. While you are getting this new home in shape, I want you to get expert landscape gardeners to take care of the grounds, and Woerz Brothers, the florists, are surely thorough in their work. You can get all kinds of seasonal flowers and plants here, so make your home attractive, and you will see more of your hubby. A small bouquet or decoration changed daily helps, and they will attend to this promptly. When it comes to floral decorations or emblems for any function, no matter what the idea or how difficult the design, Woerz Brothers will carry it out, give you what you want when you want it at reasonable prices. They are constantly building and adding to their capacity here, and you'll like the treatment they accord you.

"The new home being complete," said Foxy Grandpa, "we must now look to the furnishing for it." Whereupon Polly declared she had heard so much of the goods and prices at C. P. Hall's, the home outfitter of Ardmore, Wilson and Wirt, that she desired to go there. He carries the goods, new to your liking, second-hand if you want them. He will exchange, store, rent 'em and deliver goods four miles. Nothing small about Hall's but the price. Polly was not long in selecting a handsome parlor suite, a bedroom suite in oak, golden finish, to these she added brass and iron beds, davenport and Duo folding beds, pictures and wall ornaments, rugs, matings, linoleums and art squares. She purchased a swell buffet, fancy rockers, Border Queen kitchen cabinet, Herrick refrigerator, Monogram combination range, lawn and porch swings, not forgetting an ornamental writing desk for hubby. Coming to the conclusion that prices at C. P. Hall's were below the very whisper of competition — especially the mail order competition.

"The home being complete," said Foxy Grandpa, "we must now look up a reliable firm and have it insured. I know of 'The Service Agency,' Fraley & company," said Polly. "We will

go there," said Grandpa, "as they handle only the best companies, write fire, accident, health, tornado, plate glass, hail, auto, boiler, workmen's compensation, liability, Fidelity Surety bonds, are prompt in writing all policies, see to it that your policy does not lapse and then to place your risks in companies that in case of loss adjustment is prompt. Never get the habit of carrying your own insurance. Why, the saving in worry is worth the price of premiums, and the premiums on all insurance are consistently low, including Fraley & company's.

"You cannot live on love alone in that big house," said Grandpa, "You must have something more substantial."

At the grocery he waxed philosophical. "Never neglect your larder," said he. "That important adjunct of house-keeping controls masculine temper there, for you must patronize a grocery firm on whom you can depend for honest goods. For some time I have found M. T. Felker & Son perfectly reliable. You are sure to find careful dealers always full stocked with everything in staple and fancy groceries, fresh and first-class, including the famous Chase & Sanborn's teas and coffees, Heinz 57 varieties pickles, catsups, relishes, etc. Sunshine Hall biscuits and Solomon's Very Best Bread, high-grade canned goods and fresh fruits and vegetables. You will find this the up-to-the-minute grocery, quick delivery. Ring phones 174 and 134 and they are Johnny on the spot, and prices down to brass tacks.

"Now for your bakery goods," said Grandpa, "and I want you to take my advice and buy first-class home bakery products. When you come to buying the flour and other ingredients, then spending time, labor and worry over the bread board and hot oven, you are wasting a lot of energy that could be put to other good uses. You are wasting money, too, besides in most cases getting an inferior article. Solomon's Very Best Bread has solved this problem for you, as only the finest ingredients are used, the latest machine does the work and strict sanitation is observed in this bakery. It's always fresh, so call for it at your grocer's. Solomon fills any special order for weddings, birthdays, banquets or other functions with the finest goods. So get in line, save time by using Solomon's Very Best Bread."

"And say, Grandpa," exclaimed Polly, "where will I go for dry goods? This dress of mine is hardly suitable, I must admit."

"Well, my girl, if you want to select from one of the largest and best department stores in this territory, I will direct you to Westheimer & Daube, who carry a line of dress goods, nobby silks and swell ready-to-wear, that for variety and real value are seldom seen outside of large metropolitan cities. Fact is, you don't see any finer ready to wear department anywhere, and when it comes from Westheimer & Daube you can rest assured that it is absolutely correct, the newest creation always, and properly priced. You will find a fine line of general dry goods, notions, clothing, furnishings and shoes here and be guided right in your selections. This firm is pleasant to deal with, the employees polite and expert, while as to prices,—well, Westheimer & Daube make 'em and make 'em low.

"Well, my boy," said Foxy Grandpa, with a David Harum accent, as they reached the street. "I must run across to the Guaranty State Bank and get another check book. Come along and get acquainted with P. C. Dings, president, N. B. Feagin, vice-president; E. E. Chivers, cashier and J. M. Lanford, assistant cashier, for of course you will do business with them and it is always more pleasant to be personally acquainted with the officers with whom you come in touch. This bank is managed on safe, conservative lines and has a strong working capital and resources of over \$1,500,000. It's a growing bank, therefore a bank that serves, and no account is too large or any too small for their careful attention. They are always ready to extend any accommodations compatible with business principles. They pay 4 per cent interest on savings, and depositors here are protected by the guaranty fund of the state of Oklahoma. No one has ever lost a dollar in a bank under this jurisdiction, and this is the largest state bank in southern Oklahoma." "Guess I'll open an account with the Guaranty State Bank at once," said Charles, "as I appreciate good banking connections."

"Halt!" commanded Foxy Grandpa, as the party came in front of the City Drug Store. "Walk right in."

"Why, Grandpa, we're not sick and—" "Guess I know that," laughed he, "but I suspect it won't be long before this young man begins to take an interest in matters of paregoric and—"

"Grandpa!"

"We'll go in, anyway, as I want V. A. Gravitto proprietor to explain the merits of the Penslar remedies, a remedy for about every ill, and dependable, too, besides Polly may find other toilet articles she wants."

Sure enough, the girl was soon loaded down with combs, brushes, face powders, and several bottles of fine

perfumes. Remember their soda fountain is a model of neatness, always kept so; all the late drinks are properly served by Jim McCann and 'Doc' Son, the ladies' men of this establishment. Get an Edison Diamond Disc Phonograph and a complete supply of records here. It is the last word for good music in the home. Don't forget to come here with your prescriptions, as you will find none but registered pharmacists at the City Drug Store, using the purest of drugs.

"Let's see, I promised you a gold watch, didn't I?" queried Foxy Grandpa of Polly. "Well, the place of all places is at John W. Dorrach's." Entering this popular jeweler's Grandpa gallantly acquitted himself of his promise by presenting Polly with a handsome time piece and then directed her attention to the superior stock of jewelry, silverware, novelties, etc., and advised her to buy her family clock and Big Ben here. He does engraving on anything, is an expert doctor on sick watches, can diagnose any old case, and make a dyspeptic time piece look and act like new.

While here at Dorrach's, Grandpa remarked: "There's an old saying that the clothes don't make the man. Now they may not, but they help, and when they are swell togs, such as the \$17 Tailoring company turn out, they help mightily. This firm has stores at Wichita Falls, Tulsa, Sapulpa, Drumright and Wirt, and save you \$8 on your suits every time. They have the latest samples to select from and Steve Noland will guarantee you a fit. They sing as they work here, and they put this across yesterday: 'If Casey Jones' should take his 'Big Beautiful Doll' Down by the Old Mill Stream,' while 'Alexander's Ragtime Band' played 'Meet Me Tonight in Dreamland,' you should take your 'Mysterious Rags' to the \$17 Tailoring company and have them cleaned, altered, pressed and repaired, for 'Everybody's Doing It Now.'

"And where will I find the leading milliner?" asked Polly of Grandpa.

"Just a few doors," said he, "and we will visit Daisie H. Gray, with Henry Baum & Company, who by the way, has on hand the latest dress, pattern, street, picture hats and Parisian models in this section. The latest styles and lowest prices being her motto. She has that experience which guarantees when you have once purchased of her you have the proper thing at the lowest cost, and a few minutes later there wasn't a happier lady than Polly in the proud possession of a swell midsummer creation of Daisie H. Gray's own handiwork."

"As you are going to keep and work horses, you will want harness," said Grandpa, "and the boss horse milliners and mule jewelers are to be found at R. G. Raines Saddlery company. They are expert workmen here and give personal attention to the minutest detail of manufacture. There isn't a thing in this line that cannot be had of them. Heavy and light, single and double, plain and fancy work and buggy harness—they have 'em in stock and make 'em to order, and their hand-made harness is strictly in it. They carry a complete stock of saddles, whips, fly nets, dusters, lap robes,—in fact anything a farmer or a gentleman horse owner could possibly desire, and at right prices. They also carry the finest line of all leather grips, bags and suitcases in this section,—and they suit your purse, too."

At this point Polly began to think seriously of her household duties, and remarked: "Grandpa, I am not going to kill myself over the wash tub or have a washerwoman fussing around the house, so tell me of a good laundry."

"Here was a good chance to recommend Max Whittington's Excelsior Steam Laundry. 'Jump into the auto and we will drive down there, where you can see the latest machinery for laundering in motion. They sure have a lot of machines and hands to operate them here,' said Polly, on going through. "Yes," said Grandpa, "they are all home people who spend their money in Ardmore, and deserve hearty support. They do rough dry, flat work and family washing. Also one-day specials and all work when returned has that fresh, sweet odor and crispness which creates in one a feeling of entire satisfaction, and makes you an Excelsior Steam Laundry booster."

"Our next step," said Grandpa, "is the financing of the home, towards which I will add what I promised you." Arriving at the Peoples Building and Loan Association, Grandpa introduced the young couple to G. P. Selvidge, the secretary, and requested him to make a transfer of his share in their building and loan department over to Polly. It took but a few minutes for Charles to make out his application for \$1,500 in loan stock and with a few preliminary details attended to, Charles remarked: "There isn't any red tape to this business." "It's simple," said Grandpa. "The trouble is, people don't understand it. All you do is to deposit 50c to \$500 per month, as others do for investment purposes. Collectively, these payments make a goodly sum, and they earn enough on your money enabling them to charge you a very low rate of interest—about 2 per cent. Now, for instance, you have a lot and \$500 cash you borrow \$1,500 to build. You pay

back \$1.83 per hundred dollars per month for 120 months. At the end of that time you have your place paid for and \$1,500 in cash besides. Isn't that better than a bunch of rent receipts?"

"It surely is," said Charley, "and we will build some rent houses through them. I can see that this is a great plan for me to save money and have something later on. The Peoples Building & Loan Association is surely doing a good work in home building," said Grandpa, "and are absolutely reliable, having a capital of \$1,000,000.

"While we are providing a home for Polly," said Grandpa, "just take out a policy on your own life with Fraley & Company, also for accident and sickness. You then provide an estate for the girl which no bad luck or crop failure can take away."

"I have always looked upon life from a practical standpoint," said Grandpa, as the party was leaving the compress and oil mill, and spying John S. Owens Monumental and Cut Stone Works, remarked: "Let's go over and get acquainted. You know I am getting along in years," so he quizzed he, "and I'll feel better if after my demise there's a fitting monument placed where it should be. You know I think there isn't enough attention given this matter by the average head of the household. It is always looks at with solemnity, but it is a duty the head of the household owes to his or her family, and the family to them to have a fitting mark placed at the head of each individual. In placing your orders for monuments or statutory of any kind, choose a reliable firm, who handle the best grades of marble and granite, who are, and employ competent designers that, no matter how difficult an idea you may have for the building of a monument it will be carried out and such a firm is John S. Owens' Monumental and Cut Stone Works. They handle all kinds of building stone and prices on everything are always consistent.

"I promised you an auto as an additional present upon your arrival here," said Grandpa, "and I have had this on my mind for some time, getting demonstrations and trying them out. My troubles were consummated yesterday when I called on L. C. Slaughter and took a spin, with your grandpa, in a 1916 Maxwell touring car. Your grandpa couldn't rest until we had returned and closed the deal. I don't want to go into any high-sounding phrases as applied to motor cars. They are all too common and their force is lost. They convey no other thought than the impotence of the user. The comeliness of design, the solidity of structure, the economy of upkeep and operation, the ease and comfort of driving, and lastly the intimate integrity of the whole as exemplified in the Maxwell car before you, settled it with us, and you ought to be pleased." "We are," said both in chorus, "We will surely boost for the Maxwell and get our accessories of L. C. Slaughter, its distributor. He also runs a general auto repair, repairs any make of car, employs experts who know how, and at right figures."

"I tell you, my boy," said Foxy Grandpa, in an aside to Charley, "This young wife of yours is a model housekeeper, especially as she is one of the best bread makers that ever queened over an oven, but even the most expert bakers must have good material to work with, so good flour is desirable. I'd advise you to patronize E. T. Ladd and firms who handle his goods. His brands of flour, especially those called Globe and White Star, and his Globe meal are the most popular on the market, and you will do well to use them in the baking you do at home. You will want the right kind or feed for your stock, and E. T. Ladd buys in car lots and turns his stock so often that it is always fresh. He handles mill run bran, shorts, chops, corn, oats, and molasses cake, together with chick feed, screened wheat, etc. He gives you correct weights and rates and a square deal always."

"I know I will like Ardmore and the people here," said Polly, "but I had one regret on leaving Toronto. I was taking a course of chiropractic adjusting and had to give it up." "You need not let that worry you," said Grandpa. "We have a very able chiropractor here in Dr. Howard S. Cox, who is thorough in the knowledge of his profession, and whose entire interests are in his work." While Polly was in consultation with Dr. Cox, Charley remarked: "Grandpa, just

what is chiropractic?" "It is a new method of analyzing and adjusting the physical cause of disease, not by medicine or surgery, but by skilled applications of the hands and fingers to the spine, getting at the root of things, as it were, and it's wonderful to see how cold on the lungs, rheumatism, pneumonia, diseases peculiar to women, etc., are cured by it, and often by one treatment. Chiropractic is a coined word from the Greek and means doing something by hand. It's health without drugs or useless surgery and is fast commanding the attention of people generally. Howard S. Cox also gives you the best service in vapor and electric baths at the Ardmore Bath House. You'll feel better after a visit there."

"How about those trunks and grips we left at the depot. There will be storage charges on them, will there not?" asked Charley of Grandpa. "You bet there will, and 25c per day for each article. But we will stop that at once by calling on J. L. Wilson Transfer & Storage company. They take care of anything in this line as well as most of the transferring, drying and storage in this section. They haul and store anything and 'move anything anywhere,' whether it's small packages, grips, trunks, household goods, pianos, safes, tanks, pipes, engines, boilers. They are there with 'sudden service.' If it was a battle-ship to be moved they'd tackle it and get it somewhere, too. That 30,000-pound truck of theirs is a go-getter. They are distributors in car lots, ample track facilities and outside firms know their reliability. Nothing too large for them to move, and nothing too small for their attention, with all kinds of rigs, trucks, wagons and auto trucks for quick action by the J. L. Wilson Transfer and Storage company."

En route home, the gentleman stopped at The Ardmoreite office and left the wherewithal for a year's subscription. On rejoining Polly she began to volubly express her thanks. "This is indeed a happy event, and one we never can forget. You have bought us everything," she exclaimed. "Except one thing," said Grandpa, "but I have remedied that by leaving the order on the sly with my friend C. P. Hall for the best to be had in Oklahoma, and you can get it whenever you want it."

"Why, what can it be?" asked Polly. "A handsome rubber-tired, collapsible go-cart," said Foxy Grandpa. But Polly had fainted.

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How They Do It. Two married women were having a chat, and, as usual, the conversation veered around to the expense of living.

"It's really awful how the rise in prices has affected us!" said one sadly. "Why, do you know that my bills for clothes this year are exactly double what they were last year?"

"Goodness!" gasped the other. "I don't see how your husband can afford it."

"He can't," replied the first calmly. "But then, he couldn't afford it last year, so what's the difference?"—Argonaut.

Constipation and Indigestion. "I have used Chamberlain's Tablets and must say they are the best I have ever used for constipation and indigestion. My wife also used them for indigestion and they did her good," writes Eugene S. Knight, Wilmington, N. C. Chamberlain's Tablets are mild and gentle in their action. Give them a trial. You are certain to be pleased with the agreeable laxative effect which they produce. Obtainable everywhere.

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